(b) by when this work is targeted to be completed;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to extend this work upto Medta City; and

(d) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Final location survey has been completed and detailed estimate sanctioned. Tenders for earthwork and bridge works are under process.

(b) No target date has been fixed for completion.

(c) and (d) An updating survey for Pushkar — Merta Road new rail line has been taken up.

Averting disaster by alert Night Patrolmen

3502. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alert night patrolmen have averted the disaster of Ananthapuri Express and other southbound trains between Kattur and Pullambadi railway stations in early hours on Thursday, the 24th November, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government are going to reward the patrolmen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ananthapuri Exp. was stopped by two night patrolmen on duty *viz.* Shri R. Suresh Gandhi, S/o Shri M. Raju and Shri R. Kalyanasundaram, S/o Shri Ramalingam at 1.55 hrs. on 24.11.2005, between Kattur and Pullambadi Railway stations.

Two night patrolmen were on monsoon patrol duty on 23/24.11.2005.

They observed that water was flowing over the track, by more than 1 foot, above the rail level. Apprehending the likely breach at km. 304, they stopped Ananthapuri Exp. (6123 Exp.) The train left Pullambadi station at 0140 hrs. and was stopped at 0155 hrs. on 24.11.2005.

(c) In recognition of patrolman's alertness on duty and to inculcate the same spirit among other staff, they had been awarded suitably at various levels.

Passengers travelling on fake ticket

†3503. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which passengers were found travelling on fake railway tickets during the last eight months; and

(b) the number of persons prosecuted for the offence of travelling on fake railway tickets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) During the period January-November, 2005, 47 cases of passengers travelling on fake railway tickets have been reported and 400 persons have been arrested in this regard.

Consumption and Export of Iron Ore

3504. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the production, consumption and export of iron-ore during the last three years; and

(b) the projected consumption and export of iron ore during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.